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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL

1. SUMMARY. IN AN HOUR LONG MEETING WITH FONMIN PATRICIO CARVAJAL JAN 16, AMBASSADORS MAILLIARD AND POPPER DISCUSSED THE TRA, THE BA MEETING, AND THE POSSIBLE FEBRUARY VISIT OF THE SECRETARY. CARVAJAL STATED HIS OPINION THAT THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL SHOULD NOT TAKE ANY DRASTIC ACTION ON THE TRA AND THAT HE WOULD ATTEND THE BA MFM WHETHER CUBA WAS PRESENT OR NOT. EMBASSY WILL REPORT IN SEPTELS ON DISCUSSION OF SECRETARY'S FEBRUARY TRIP. END SUMMARY.

2. FONMIN CARVAJAL RECEIVED AMBASSADORS POPPER AND MAILLIARD ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOFF FOR ONE HOUR ON JAN 16. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS FORMAL BUT CORDIAL. AFTER INITIAL PLEASANTRIES, THE DISCUSSION TURNED TO (1) THE TRADE REFORM ACT AND (2) PROSPECTS FOR THE MARCH MFM.

3. CARVAJAL HAD SEVERAL QUESTIONS ON TRAAM STATING THAT HE PREFERRED THE TRA BE HANDLED WITHIN THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL RATHER THAN THE MFM BECAUSE THE ATMOSPHERE WAS COOLER, HE INQUIRED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE ACT WOULD BE MODIFIED. HE ALSO ASKED THE EXTENT TO WHICH ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA WOULD BE HARMED BY LACK OF ACCESS TO THE GSP PROVISION OF THE TRA AND WHETHER PERU AND COLOMBIA WOULD BE AFFECTED.

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4. AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD REPLIED THAT THERE WERE TWO AP-

PROACHES FOR MODIFICATION: (1) THAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CONGRESS, REACH AGREEMENT ON THE DISCRETIONARY APPLICATION OF THE ANTI-OPEC PROVISION AS IT RELATES TO ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA OR (2) AN AMENDMENT TO THE LAW ITSELF. IN THIS REGARD AMB. MAILLIARD OBSERVED THAT ONE SENATOR HAD ALREADY DECLARED HIS INTENTION TO INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT TO PREVENT THE APPLICATION OF TITLE FIVE TO LA COUNTRIES. AMB. MAILLIARD ALSO OBSERVED THAT IN ANY CASE THE PRACTICAL EFFECTS ON ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA WERE MINIMAL (THEY MAY BE OFFENDED BUT THEY ARE NOT INJURED) AND THAT COLOMBIA AND PERU WILL BE ALTOGETHER UNAFFECTED. PRINCIPAL POINT IS EXTENT TO WHICH LA STANDS TO BENEFIT FROM TRA AS A WHOLE. AMB MAILLIARD AGREED THE OAS WAS A CALMER FORUM IN WHICH TO TREAT THE GSP PROBLEM (ALTHOUGH MINISTERS WOULD BE ABLE TO SPEAK MORE PRIVATELY AND FRANKLY AT MFM) AND STATED HIS HOPE THAT THE COUNCIL NOT ADOPT ANY RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE TRA BECAUSE OF THE NEGATIVE EFFECT THIS MIGHT PRODUCE ON THE CONGRESS.

5. TURNING TO THE MARCH MFM, AMB. MAILLIARD SAID HE HAD DETECTED A CHANGE IN ATTITUDE ON PART OF ARGENTINE FONMIN VIGNES, AND THAT HE NOW BELIEVED IT UNLIKELY CUBA WOULD BE INVITED, IN PART BECAUSE BRAZIL HAD INDICATED IT PROBABLY WOULD NOT ATTEND IF THE CUBANS DID.

6. CARVAJAL RESPONDED THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO ATTEND WHETHER CUBA WAS PRESENT OR NOT, BUT THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO TALK IN BUENOS AIRES IF THE CUBANS WERE THERE. OBVIOUSLY, HE SAID, IT WOULD BE BETTER IF THEY WERE NOT THERE. HE ALSO EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN OVER PHYSICAL SECURITY AT THE MEETING.

7. ON THE ACTUAL AGENDA TO BE FOLLOWED IN MARCH, AMB. MAILLIARD EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT SOME PROGRESS COULD BE MADE ON THE VOTING PROVISIONS OF THE RIO TREATY FOR LIFTING SANCTIONS (MAJORITY VOTE), THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, AND RULES FOR TNCs, ALTHOUGH LITTLE HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN THE WORKING GROUPS DEALING WITH THE TWO LATTER SUBJECTS.

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8. CARVAJAL AGREED THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE MOVEMENT ON TNCs AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

9. COMMENT. CARVAJAL REVEALED GENUINE CONCERN THAT VENEZUELA MIGHT BE HARMED BY THE TRA AND SHOWED HIS DESIRE THAT THE DISPUTE BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE U.S. BE RESOLVED AS QUICKLY AND AS EASILY AS POSSIBLE AND INDICATED GOC WILLINGNESS BE HELPFUL TO THIS END.

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